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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TREASURY FOR BENNETT, COOPER,
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SUBJECT: GERMAN FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL ON
MONETARY AND ENERGY QUESTIONS

REF: STATE 279301

1. SUMMARY: FINANCE MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WEBER HAS NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT ON OUR TRUST FUND
PROPOSALBUT EXPRESSED FRG RESERVATIONS ON OUR
BROADER PROPOSALS FOR IMF. WEBER ALSO CONCERNED
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OVER DIFFERENCES WITH US ON WITTEVEEN AND SAID

FINANCE MINISTER APEL HOPES TO MEET WITH SECRETARY SIMON BEFORE GROUP OF TEN MEETING TO DISCUSS TACTICS. WEBER DENIED FRG HOSTILITY TO SOLIDARITY FUND. HE SAID RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO CHANCELLOR WHO HAD MADE NO DECISION. WEBER INSISTED IT HAD NEVER BEEN INTENDED THAT POSITIONS BE APPROVED AT DECEMBER 19 COUNCIL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. ECON/COM MIN TOOK OCCASION OF PREVIOUSLY PLANNED CALL ON FINANCE MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEBER TO LEAVE COPY OF US PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUST FUND.

3. WEBER SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON TRUST FUND UNTIL HE READ THE DETAILS OF OUR PROPOSAL. HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY, HOWEVER, TO MENTION THAT FRG HAD PROBLEM WITH OUR OVERALL PROPOSALS INVOLVING THE IMF. HE POINTED IN PARTICULAR TO THE DIVISIONS BETWEEN THE US AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF TEN ON THE EXTENSION OF WITTEVEEN. HE WAS DUBIOUS THAT OUR PROPOSED SOLIDARITY FUND COULD BE AGREED ON BEFORE THE FORTHCOMING INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING. WEBER WAS, THEREFORE, CONCERNED AS TO WHAT US TACTICS WOULD BE IF AGREEMENT WERE NOT REACHED IN GROUP OF TEN ON WITTEVEEN AND/OR SOLIDARITY FUND TO PERMIT A COMMON POSITION IN THE INTERIM COMMITTEE. HE REPORTED FINANCE MINISTER APEL HOPED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON A LITTLE EARLY IN ORDER TO HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO SECRETARY SIMON ABOUT THESE PROBLEMS.

4. ECON/COM MIN TOOK THE OCCASION TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT SUCH A DISAGREEMENT COULD BE AVOIDED. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN ADDITION TO THE G-10 MEETING AND THE INTERIM COMMITTEE THE RECENT MARTINIQUE AGREEMENT WITH MARCH AS A TARGET DATE FOR A PRELIMINARY PRODUCER/CONSUMER MEETING WOULD REQUIRE EARLY DECISIONS ON CONSERVATION, NEW SUPPLIES AS WELL AS FINANCIAL SOLIDARITY. (WEBER COMMENTED, INCIDENTALLY, THAT GERMAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON'S REPORT ON UNDER SECRETARY BENNET'S BRIEFING WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEST REPORT FINANCE MINISTRY HAD ON MARTINIQUE.)

5. IN THIS CONNECTION, ECON/COM MIN REFERRED TO REPORTS COMING OUT OF THE DECEMBER 19 FINANCE EC COUNCIL MEETING ALLEGING "HOSTILE" ATTITUDES OF THE FINANCE MINISTER APEL TO THE US PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL SOLIDARITY FUND. WEBER, SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY, SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF SUCH REPORTS.

HE SAID THAT THE FINANCE MINISTRY HAD SENT
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CHANCELLOR ON THE SOLIDARITY
FUND BUT THAT THE CHANCELLOR HAD YET TO MAKE HIS
DECISION.

6. WEBER DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS

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TO THE CHANCELLOR BUT DID NOT GIVE IMPRESSION
THAT THE RECOMMENDATION WAS COMPLETELY NEGATIVE. HE
DID SAY THAT THE GERMANS WERE BECOMING INCREASINGLY
CONCERNED WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE FUND WOULD
BE AN ON-GOING OPERATION FOR REDISTRIBUTING ARAB
FUNDS WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD AND NOT "A SAFETY
NET" OF LAST RESORT. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW

THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL SOLIDARITY WOULD HAVE TO GO IN STEP WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE ENERGY PROGRAM SUCH AS CONSERVATION, ETC. IT IS POSSIBLE TO INFER THAT THE GERMANS MAY WANT TO USE THE FUND AS A LEVER FOR OBTAINING AGREEMENT ON OTHER MATTERS (FOR EXAMPLE, CONDITIONS OF ACCESS SUCH AS DOMESTIC ECONOMIC MEASURES) FROM THE POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES OF THE FUND.
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7. WEBER STRESSED THAT THE FRG HAD NOT BEEN ALONE IN REFUSING TO ENDORSE THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS IN THEIR ENTIRETY AT THE DECEMBER 19 MEETING. INDEED IT HAD NEVER BEEN THE INTENTION OF THE FINANCE MINISTERS TO MAKE DECISIONS AT THIS MEETING. IT HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED THAT ALL SUCH DECISIONS BE MADE AT THE JANUARY LONDON MEETING. HE ALSO COMMENTED WRYLY THAT THE COMMISSION'S DOCUMENT HAD ONLY BEEN RECEIVED THE EVENING BEFORE THE MEETING, LEAVING AS USUAL VERY LITTLE TIME FOR CONSIDERATION.

8. WEBER CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT FINANCE MINISTER HAD TAKEN COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION ON RECYCLING WITH HIM ON HIS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT STATE SECRETARY POEHL WOULD BE SKIING IN SWITZERLAND THROUGH THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY).

9. COMMENT: WE ARE UNDER THE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT, WHATEVER THEIR RESERVATIONS, THE FRG HAS INDEED NOT FORECLOSED ANYTHING ON THE SOLIDARITY FUND. THE GERMANS SEEM VERY RESOLUTE, HOWEVER, IN THEIR WISH TO SEE WITTEVEEN EXTENDED REGARDLESS OF EVENTUAL AGREEMENT ON THE SOLIDARITY FUND.
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